



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly – Friday 9 am
  - Room 6 – 13 Feb
  - Room 5 – 27 Feb
  - Room 3 – 13 March
  - Room 2 – 27 March
- Room 6 Technology – Tuesdays
- School Mass – Sunday 15 Feb
- Ash Wednesday – Wed 18 Feb
- Meet the Teacher Interviews
  - Monday 16 February
  - Thursday 19 February
- Swimming – Tues, Wed, Thurs
  - Weeks 4, 5 & 6
- School Swimming Sports – Mon 16 March
- Interschool Swimming Sports – Tues 31 March
- End of Term 1 – Thurs 2 April
- Start Term 2 – Mon 20 April

## ATTENDANCE

99% 🙌

of our students are currently attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight, for this term. Great start!

St Joseph's target aligns with the Government's, 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

**Thank you to those who have promptly sorted out uniform issues, your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.**



## PRINCIPALS NOTE

Kia Ora

This week we warmly welcome Tyla, sister of Kaylem and Te Haerenga, to Room One and hope she enjoys her time at school.

A reminder that parent interviews will be held on Monday and Thursday next week, with bookings available through the Skool Loop app under *Bookings*. A more detailed notice can also be found on Loop. These interviews are a great opportunity for teachers to get to know your child better and strengthen the partnership between whānau and school.

Bookings for Monday will be closed tomorrow afternoon.

At this time, we will also be asking parents to check and update contact and medical information.

So exciting to see our refurbishment underway! The new blue roof is going on Rooms 1 and 2, and we have iron from the old roof available to give away, with more becoming available later in the year. If you or someone you know would like some, please see me in the office.



Mā te Atua koutou e Manaaki i ngā wā katoa  
May God always  
bless you.

Megan

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Just a friendly reminder to families and caregivers to let us know in the school office that you are onsite before heading to classrooms.

If there are any changes to after-school plans, including who will be picking your child up, let the office know so we can help everything run smoothly. Don't forget to let Mrs Phillips know at the bus line if your child is not going on the bus.

Also, please remember that students aren't supervised before 8:30 a.m., so they shouldn't arrive before then unless they're travelling on the bus.

All absences need to go directly to the school office either Skool Loop, website, phone call or email. Please ensure you leave an explanation as required by the Ministry.

It is helpful if all students are at school prior to the 8.55am bell. This social time helps set them up for the day. Should your child arrive after the morning bell has gone, please report to the office.

Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe and happy!

**Senior Leaders will receive their badges tomorrow morning at assembly, 9 am. All welcome.**

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### School Mass

Sunday 15 February  
8.45am

Looking forward to seeing you all at our termly school and welcome mass on Sunday. A plate for morning tea would be much appreciated.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 18 February  
9.15am

All welcome to attend with the school.

## SPORT REPORT

### Basketball

Basketball starts next week. All students who have expressed interest in playing have been sent home a consent form today.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming starts in week 4. More information will be sent home early next week.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 10:30am  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 1pm  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 10:30am  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 1pm

FILM DURATION 100MINS  
RATED PG

Have you registered for the free Tackling Technology workshop provided by REAP yet!

<https://www.tararuareap.co.nz/tackling-technology/>



**Parenting Talk**

# Tackling Technology

DATE  
6pm, Thursday  
19 February 2026

VENUE  
The Hub  
23 Gordon Street  
Dannevirke

RSVP  
Tararua REAP  
Ph 06 374 6565

Light supper served

FREE EVENT

Raising kids in a *digital* world

Technology can be a helpful tool, but it's also a minefield – especially for our kids!

With the latest information on topics including cyberbullying, grooming and sextortion, as well as insights on parental controls, appropriate boundaries and healthy habits, this talk is your vital guide to keeping kids safer online.

Sherridan Eketona, Parent Coach  
Sherridan Eketona is passionate about shaping the hearts of the next generation through great parenting. Mum of four teenagers, Sherridan is grateful to her own teamwork for teaching her the importance of connection when it comes to raising confident and resilient kids.

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